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SUBJECT:REENTRY OF SOVIET SATELLITE, COSMOS 954

REFS: (A0 STATE 13681: (B) TOKYO 935

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY GOJ IN PARA 4 REF B
THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR YOU
TO CONVEY TO THE GOJ:

A. BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE OF SATELLITE REENTRY INTO THE
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B. BASED ON GENERAL ESTIMATES THE DEBRIS COULD CONTAIN
FISSION PRODUCTS IN QUANTITIES UP TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
CURIES. THE RADIATION WOULD BE MOSTLY GAMMA AND WOULD
CAUSE HEALTH RISKS UP TO SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET FROM THE
POINT OF IMPACT. AS TO PHYSICAL DAMAGE IT IS IMPREDICTABLE

AND HIGHLY DEPENDENT UPON DISASSEMBLY OF THE POWER SOURCE
IN THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE.

C. MULTIPLE IMPACT IS POSSIBLE. FRAGMENTS COULD BE
SPREAD OVER A WIDE AREA.

D. COSMOS 954 WAS LAUNCHED BY THE SOVIET UNION ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1977.

E. THE USSR HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED.

F. THE INTENT OF THE SOVIET UNION WITH REGARD TO A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER REENTRY HAS
NOT BEEN MADE KNOWN TO THE US.

G. THE US WILL KEEP THE GOJ INFORMED OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT THE EARLIEST TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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